(c) and (d) Yes, sir. The government of NCT of Delhi has decided to construct 4 old age homes during the 10th Plan period on land allotted to them by DDA. Efforts are being made for developing guidelines for construction and management of these homes in consultation with reputed experienced NGOs doing commendable work in area of old age welfare.

Increasing drug abuse in the country

3993. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing drug abuse in the country;

(b) if so; whether the number of drug abusers are increasing in the urban areas of the country day-by-day;

(c) if so, whether Government have formulated any strategy to check the increase in drug abuse in the country and also sought foreign assistance in this regard, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Recognising drug abuse as psycho-socio medical problem, requiring community based interventions the Government is implementing the "Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse", wherein registered Non Government Organisations are provided financial support for awareness programmes, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation services in varied settings such as community, workplaces, educational institutions, prisons, etc. The quality in services is ensured through the implementation of the minimun standards formulated for different services. To strengthen the service delivery of the programme, the Ministry is also implementing community-based projects in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime.

Objectives of re-organization of Tribal populated States

3994. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the principal objectives behind re-organisation of the States, namely Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya

Pradesh for creation of three new States of Jharkhand, Uttaranchal and Chhattisgarh respectively has been to give focused attention to these regions, overwhelmingly populated by Tribals, and facilitate acceleration of their socio-economic development; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects undertaken/contemplated, if any, by Government especially keeping this objective in view?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements several Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored schemes/programmes for the socio-economic development of tribals in all the States/UTs, including these three new States. These schemes relate to their income generation, infrastructure development, promotion of health and education and improvement in literacy. Some schemes pertain to ensuring fair prices for minor forest produce and food security to the tribals besides the promotion of voluntary efforts in the area of tribal welfare. The States also provide for a Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) component from their State Plans in proportion to the tribal population in the States, to be used for the development of scheduled Tribes. The Central Ministries are also to spend 8% of their plans for development of the Scheduled Tribes and providing infrastructure in the tribal areas. The list of schemes/programmes of this Ministry is annexed as Statement. (*See* below). The funds are released to the departments incharge of tribal welfare, who are required to ensure that these reach the beneficiaries.

Statement

Major Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes

1. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan
2. Grants under Article 275(1) of the constitution
3. Girls Hostels for Scheduled Tribes
4. Boys Hostels for Scheduled Tribes
5. Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas
6. Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of STs

7. Research & training
8. Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Developme[illegible] Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce
9. Educational Complex in Low Literac[illegible] Pockets for Development of ST girls in Tribal Areas
10. Vocational training in Tribal Areas
11. Village Grain Bank Scheme
12. Development of Primitive Tribal C[illegible]ups
13. Post Matric Scholarship for ST [illegible]tudents
14. National Overseas Scholarship [illegible]cheme for STs
15. Coaching and Allied scheme fo[illegible] STs
16. Upgradation of merit of ST Stu[illegible]ents
17. Book Bank Scheme for ST St[illegible]dents
18. State Tribal Development Fina[illegible]ce Corporation
19. Exchange of Visits by Tribals

Development of B[illegible]astar division

†3995. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: W[illegible]l the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which prop[illegible]sals have been received from Chhattisgarh Government for the d[illegible]evelopment of the tribal dominated Bastar division of the State;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the delay [illegible] grant approval to the proposals and by when the approval would be gr[illegible]nted?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The project proposals for grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution received from the Government of Chhattisgarh for the development of tribal areas, including Bastar division during the year 2002-2003, were considered in the Ministry in a meeting held in the month of August 2002 with the representatives of the State Government. 26 projects were approved and the first instalment of Rs. 10.445 crores was sanctioned

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.